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LOK SABHA

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AFFECT OF HIKE IN DIESEL PRICES ON RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any assessment has been made with regard to likely extra burden on Railways as a result of recent hike in diesel prices;

(b) If so, the details in this regard; and

(c) The manner by which the Railways propose to handle this extra financial burden without affecting the interests of the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. Due to recent hike in diesel oil price, additional amount likely to be spent is assessed at around Rs.352 crores for the current year.

(c) The Railways are not proposing any increase in fare and freight on account of hike in diesel prices for the present and will seek to absorb the increase in cost within their overall ways & means position.